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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING TISSUE SHEETS ON A MODIFIED CONVENTIONAL CRESCENT-FORMER TISSUE MACHINE	Date:	March 17, 2004
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### Transmittal Letter

#### Request for Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1) Same Plural Inventors

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a continuation application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 10/199778
2. Filing Date: 7/18/2002
3. Title as originally filed: METHOD FOR MAKING TISSUE SHEETS ON A MODIFIED CONVENTIONAL CRESCENT-FORMER TISSUE MACHINE
4. Applicants as originally filed: Michael Alan Hermans and Frank Stephen Hada
5. Address of First Named Applicant in Prior Application: 1154 Village Park Drive, Neenah, WI 54956
6. Correspondence Address of Prior Application: Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0349

The prior application is currently pending before Examiner Fortuna in Group 1731. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes fifty-one (51) pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, fifty-three (53) claims, and nine (9) sheets of drawings.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signatures of the inventors in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

Enclosed are nine (9) sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1 – 10.

And, if indicated:

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

☐ Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

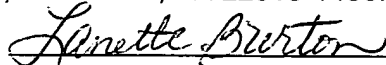
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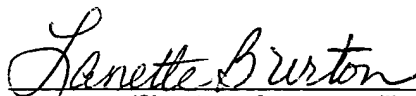
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